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Editorial Comment

CAN YOU VOTE THIS YEAR

The deadline is near for the payment of capitation taxes to become eligible to vote in this year's elections. Have you attended to this important matter?

The political apathy of citizens of the state of Virginia is alarming. Quite a bit of interest is taken in national presidential elections, but an overwhelming majority pass up voting in local and state elections. Many of those who pay capitation taxes never go to the polls on election day.

The Appomattox County record as to voting is better than that of the state as a whole. Our county usually has a fairly large body of qualified voters. Much of this is due to the fact that our political leaders remind the people of the importance of qualifying themselves to vote and follow through by seeing that they get to the polls on election day. Would that other counties had a record of voting as traditionally good as that of Appomattox.

The people of the state will elect congressmen this year and choose a United States Senator. Surely this is a matter in which nearly all citizens will desire to cast a vote. Congress and the Senate shape the course of the nation, and things decided in Washington concern the lives of virtually every one. Selecting the right men for these places is of the utmost importance.

If you have not already done so go to the office of the county treasurer now, before the deadline, and see that you are eligible to vote this year.

KEEP PRICE CONTROL!

It is currently argued that if Price Controls are removed, prices will soar for awhile BUT that production would soon bring them down again. Great pressure is being brought on our government to so cripple and limit price control that the whole fight against inflation would be scuttled.

We do not support this theory.

First, experience does not show it to be sound. After the last war that same experiment was tried and the result was disastrous. In the early 1920's industry was turned loose and prices soared. Do you remember what happened to prices after the last war? By 1920 the cost of living had doubled. And the record does not show that the following years brought on national prosperity. For by the time production was at a peak BUYING POWER had gone. The SAVINGS of the people had been wiped out by the high price period and when goods finally came down the public had nothing to buy with! The goose had been killed, cooked and eaten. Everybody was broke. That was what depression was the costly result.

"Boom...and bust." Who wants it?

Secondly, we feel that the fact that at the present time there is pent-up BUYING POWER is our greatest economic asset. We mean that our people were bigger savers in war Bonds during the war years, so as to build up a nest-egg for the postwar years. The public responded WITH FAITH that the government would protect their SAVINGS. The people had faith that if they saved a dollar then they would be able to buy a dollar's worth later on.

To remove price controls and shoot up the cost of living, will WIPE OUT the SAVINGS of the American people and regardless of how big or how little production is, BUYING POWER will be gone. Could we stand the inevitable depression that would surely follow. Would not radical leaders step in and dictate an overthrow of our traditional way of life? We dare not open the door to another depression!

Usually those who advocate doing away with price control, concede that SOME controls should be retained. But when it gets down to brass tacks, they favor keeping ceilings on what they have to buy but want ceilings taken off what they have to sell. Well, it doesn't work out that way! If the farmer wants ceilings on what he has to buy, he must accept them on what he has to sell; and so with the butcher, the baker, the candlestick-maker. When you wipe out the savings of the "average citizen you destroy buying power in America, and without the ability on the part of the public to buy our standard of living ceases.

What is the answer?

In our opinion, the answer is to correct the many inequalities and evils in the price control regulations, give more recognition to the problems of the "small business" of the nation, but by no means do away with controls.

OPA has already, in the months since the war, removed and eased many controls. Already we see the result in a rising tide of increased prices. The full tide has not yet filtered down to the public, for it is now in process of being passed along from processor to jobber or retailer, we must not go anew along the path to inflation. Let us keep faith with those who bought war bonds and built up savings during the war! Let us not be so insane as to DESTROY buying power in one BIG BOOM and then HEAR THE WHIRLWIND of depression, panic and revolution.

Lord Keynes, British economist, dies at age of 62.

Scientists make study of atomic bomb secrets.

Bill to create a separate unit is presented for study.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

WE HAVE THE ANSWER

A few days ago the Wall Street Journal raised the question whether that great American institution the banquet, would be affected by the food conservation programs for it pointed out that it would be perfectly possible for New Yorkers so inclined o attend such affairs six nights out of the week. No doubt, as that paper supposes, the institution flourishes more luxuriantly in N.w York than elsewhere, but the hinterland is not far behind. We have an established conviction on the part of many Americans - not even Dr. Gallop knows how many like it and how many suffer - that you cannot transact business properly without first getting on the spot.

We, we have the answer to the Wall Street Journal's question, for a White House secretary has explain d that President Truman in asking for conservation of food has never suggested the elimination of public dinners. Inasmuch as public dinners survived all the rigors of our wartime food shortage, they could hardly be expected to succumb to troubles in other lands. After all this is a shortage of cereals, fats and oils, for nobody has said anything about green peas and boiled potatoes.

-From Petersburg Progress-Index

MEMORIES OF RATIONING

Gasoline rationing during the war years had one excellent effect - it improved tremendously the memory of the average motorist. Not nearly so many forget to look at the gasoline gauge now. The American Automobile Association reports that the number of motorists who ran out of gas last year was fewer than for any year for which figures are available. The AAA's statistics are based on reports from 12,000 garages under contract to give service to members of the association.

-From Winchester Star

THE FARMER IS THE BACKBONE OF THE NATION

It is said that during the past decade approximately 6,000,000 people left the farms. A wise Congressman told his colleagues the following:

"If such an exodus continues there will not be production, and production is vitally needed throughout the country. I believe the figures show that since 1940 approximately 5,000,000 people have left the farm. Perhaps there are persons in this country who wish to see a grand exodus from the farms. I know that the farmer is the backbone of the nation. When I look around this Chamber and see men who were produced by and on the farms, and when I examine the pages of history and consider the character of great statesmen of the past who came from the farms, I do not want to see the source of supply of American manpower come to an end.

-From Bedford Democrat.

SHRINKING HIGHWAY DOLLAR

Not a single major item in highway construction is less than one and a half times as expensive now as it was in 1939.

Increases range from 57 per cent in culvert pipe to 162 per cent in clearing and grubbing. Immediately before the war, 61 square yards of plain cement concrete pavement could be had for the taxpayer's $100; now he gets 36 square yards. For the same $100 highway contractors could have poured 1,111 gallons of bituminous materials in 1939. Today $100 will place by the roadside 518 gallons only.

These sombe figures appear in an interesting grapp Virginia Road Builder publishes in its March issue. Immediately the question arises, How far should Virginia go in paying these prices? Important cut-offs, such as the Henry G. Shirley Highway south of Washington, must be completed, of course; other essential work must be done. Beyond this, is it prudent to wait, and if so, how long? The question is a tough one. We are glad to have an engineer of General James A. Anderson's capacity to answer it.

-From Richmond News Leader.

Most churches had record congregations Easter Sunday.

Six Virginia counties report big forest fires.

Probe transfers of Nazi assets.

Traitor trial of Mihailovic is set for May.

See early resignation of Japanese cabinet.

Piedmont League season opens this week.

Sammy Snead wins the Virginia open golf championship.

Pulpwood still badly needed.

Over 10,000 war brides have arrived in United States.

Uncle's May Pole

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for April 28

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DECISIVE MOMENTS IN PETER'S LIFE

LESSON TEXT—John 1:42; Mark 8:27-29; Luke 22:34-57, 61, 62; John 21:15-17.

MEMORY SELECTION—We ought to obey God rather than men.—Acts 5:29.

Men are of primary interest to God. Our Lord Jesus has always been concerned about men, eager that they should be filled with all the fullness of His love and the beauty of His grace. He it is who stands by in the hour of weakness and failure to give renewed strength to His repentant child.

The life of Peter runs the gamut of human feelings from the height of joy and assurance to the depth of despair. He learned many of his lessons the hard way—by a stubborn struggle in the school of experience —but he came out into a glorious and triumphant faith in Christ.

I. A New Name and a Great Confession (John 1:42; Mark 8:27-29).

When a man comes to Jesus in true faith and devotion he becomes a changed man. The Bible speaks of it as a new birth, a radical change from darkness to light, a going from death to life.

A name is important in its bearing on the individual's life. How often parents hinder or embarrass a child with an unworthy name, or a foolish imitation of the name of some giddy individual in the public eye, but lacking real character.

Simon, which means "hearing" was completed by the name Peter meaning "rock," a token of this change of direction of life. The Lord gave it to him, and He knew all about the man, his past, present and future, the longings of his heart which were to be fulfilled in service for Him.

The great confession of Christ (Mark 8), which became the foundation of the church (see Matt. 16: 16), was the expression of the heart of this spiritually changed man.

"Thou art the Christ!" Such is the conviction and confession of the man or woman with the reborn life!

II. An Awful Failure and a Deep Repentance (Luke 22:54-57, 61, 62).

Peter had vaunted himself in declaring his everlasting loyalty to the Lord. His old self-satisfaction and boastfulness had overcome him. He had even come to the place where he felt capable of telling the Lord that He was mistaken.

He made the grave mistake of following the Lord "afar off" (v. 54). He did not intend to deny the Lord, but he had allowed himself to get into a position where it was hard to stand up for Him.

The lesson for us is evident. If we want our faith to be steady and true in the hour of the enemy's attack we must not get far from the Lord, nor may we find our fellowship with this Christ-denying world.

Peter's strong denial of our Lord, his use of language unbecoming to a believer, his quick falsehoods—all these mark the thing he did for what he knew it to be when he heard the cock crow—a terrible sin against the Christ.

The look of Jesus doubtless carried conviction, but one somehow feels that it was even more a look of tenderness and of assurance of the Lord's promised prayers for him.

The thing which brought the tears of repentance was the remembrance of the Lord's own words (v. 61). It is the recollection of the Word of God which brings a man to his senses spiritually.

Peter's repentance was real. So we find that Peter was restored and reinstated in his place of service for the Lord.

III. A Complete Restoration and an Obedient Service (John 21:15-17).

Jesus met Peter on the first Easter morning, so he was assured of forgiveness. But Peter and the others had returned to their old life as fishermen. They seem to have lost their vision, or had become discouraged.

But the Lord had not forgotten them. He appeared and told them where to catch fish, and then we have the lovely scene around the fire as they breakfasted together.

There it was that the Lord met Peter, and as he had denied Christ thrice he is asked to thrice declare his devotion to Him. He is standing by Christ's fire now. There is no hesitancy and no uncertainty in his witness now.

The man who thus declared his readiness to serve Christ to the end had many an opportunity to prove the sincerity of that profession. He met persecution and imprisonment, but to every effort of man to close his mouth or to change his witness he had the simple reply of absolute obedience to the Lord.

Tradition tells us that this faithfulness finally led Peter to a martyr's death, but he was ready even for that. So we see a life made over, made powerful, made glorious for God through the matchless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. He can do it for you, too. Will you let Him?

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They melted them down, and from this litter of war sprung a monument to friendship, tolerance and understanding—a promise that the bitterness and hatred were forgotten.

Since then, there've been all kinds of disagreements in our country, big and little. Probably was one—and there was plenty bloodshed, misery and grief—but the problem was resolved.

But from where I sit, it's the greatness of America that we remain a united country. We disagree as individuals—but accepting that difference of opinion we can live in tolerance and mutual respect.

Joe M

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Rocks News

Rocks, April 22.- Farmers are busy getting ready to plant corn and soon as they can get their fertilizer.

Mrs. W. F. Ranson spent last week at Maloney with her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Evans.

Robert Roach sold a veal in Lynchburg Monday.

Mrs. D. R. Inge and son, Toby, went up near Appomattox Monday afternoon to get a cow.

Mrs. Harry Ranson and children spent Tuesday night at Appomattox with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holmsey Inge.

Mrs. G. T. Marsh, who has been sick, is able to be out again.

J. H. Ranson and sons, Winston and Emory spent last Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Fleshman and family.

A. A. Baldwin and Cassie spent last Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. James R. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson.

Mrs. D. R. Inge, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Ranson, A. A. Baldwin and Cassie attended the Baptist Association at Red Oak Baptist Church last Thursday.

Mrs. Eugene Davis and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Marsh and children, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Marsh and daughter, of Norfolk spent Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Foster, of Darlington Heights and Mr. and Mrs. Davis Hogan, of Norfolk were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ranson and children spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Eisenman, of Galts Mill.

Rev. C. G. Carter brought a fine Easter message at Rocks Church yesterday. A very large crowd was present.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson and son, Dan, of Brookneal, spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Anderson, of Springfield were visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Anderson recently.

Jim Frank Ranson and Emory Ranson were fencing Friday for C. S. Ranson.

Milan police exchange shots in prison riots.

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Richwood

Richwood, April 23.- Mrs. W. W. Fleshman and children spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge.

Mrs. R. E. Mann spent last Wednesday with Mrs. D. A. Pugh. In the afternoon they called in the home of Mrs. J. H. Fleshman.

Mr and Mrs. Fred Wooldridge and children, Cecil and Peggy, visited Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh Saturday night.

Mrs. John M. Clapp spent the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Harvey.

Mrs. A. V Jones and daughters, Roberta and Lorraine spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh Friday night and Sunday.

W. W. Fleshman and son, Wilson were visitors of T. T. Wooldridge Sunday P. M. John Wooldridge called in the same home on Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brown and Mrs. G. T. Watt, of Washington, D. C., have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hicks for the past few days.

The following were callers at G. P. Brannan's Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mann, of Lynchburg; Mr and Mrs. Thomas Guill and son, Duval; Mr. Carter, Ernest Cater and L. C. Hatcher.

Mr. Brannan expects to open his store and service station Monday, April 29.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fleshman and son spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cheatham.

The post office patrons who receive mail at the intersection of Routes 633 and 644 are authorized to move their mail boxes to the intersection of Routes 644 and 26, effective for the mail delivery of May first.

PULPWOOD INSURES FARM AGAINST CROP LOSS

With national underwriter associations preparing to do their usual spring business of insuring the 1946 crops against hail, drought, and other forms of crop failure, the Appomattox Victory Pulpwood Committee this week called attention to an added type of insurance which all farmers can carry "without cost to themselves."

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MAKE PASTURE A PART OF POULTRY FEED PROGRAM

Cut down on the rate and volume of the grain feed you give your chickens by putting them on good pasture. So advises Hayse L. Moore, head of the VPI poultry department.

According to the results of a three-year trial made by the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, a good pasture will furnish 10-12% of the total feed requirement for the growing pullets. For turkeys, the experiments showed that good pasturage will replace around 20% of the feed.

Moore recommends blue grass sod as one of the best poultry pastures. Ladino clover, alfalfa, or other clover mixtures also make good spring pasture for poultry.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, April 23.- Miss Nancy Dickerson, of Martinsville, and Miss Erna Dickerson, of Crewe spent the Easter holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carson and daughters spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Goodman, of Ohio are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Perdieu and children spent Sunday with friends and relatives at Liberty Chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dear, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Almond.

Mrs. F. M. Shirey, who is a patient at a hospital in Richmond, is improving.

Mrs. Gladys Reynolds is a patient at a hospital in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wiley visited in the home of her son, George Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Brown and son, of Richmond visited Mr. and Mrs. George Hawley Sunday.

Jim McCann, Miss Annie McCann, and their neice, Miss Mary Conart, of Roxboro, N. C. and Mrs. A. C. McCann, of Lynchburg were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCann Sunday.

Frank M. McCann is home from the Pacific and has his discharge. He has returned to his former job on the railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan O'Brien, of New York, are visiting relatives here.

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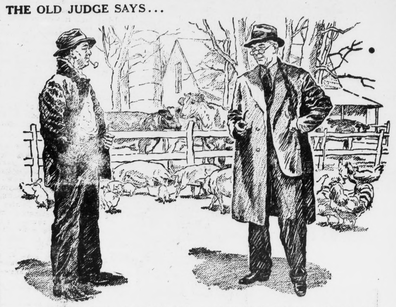

HARRY: "I don't know what they'll weigh up, Judge, but my cattle and poultry sure have been gettin' fatter since I started to use distillers' dried grains in their ration."

OLD JUDGE: "You're about the tenth one who has told me that, Harry. How do you account for it?"

HARRY: "The by-product recovered from grains used by distillers is very high in vitamin and protein content. It's the best feed supplement we can get to balance the rations we feed our dairy cows, livestock and poultry. Mixed with original grain, these distillers' dried grains have a much greater feeding value than the original grain has."

OLD JUDGE: "Have any trouble getting all you need?"

HARRY: "Yes, at times, even though the distillers produced 1,200,000,000 pounds of it for the year endin' last June. I hope they'll be in a position to produce a lot more next year."

OLD JUDGE: "Then I guess nobody can tell you grain is wasted in distilling."

HARRY: "Not me, Judge . . . I know."

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